**Export of Jute Goods**

1568. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) what were the export of jute goods both in quantity and value during the years 1990-91 and 1991-92; and

(b) the countries where jute goods were exported ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) The exports of jute goods during 1990-91 and 1991-92 were as below :

| | Qty : ('000 Tonnes) | Value : (Rs. /crores) |
|---|---|---|
| 1990-91 | 219.0 | 298.37 |
| 1991-92 | 237.1 | 387.24 |

(Source : Office of Jute Commissioner)

(b) Indian Jute goods were mainly exported to U.S.A., U.K. EEC, Japan, Russia, Canada, Argentina, Australia, New Zealand, Czechoslovakia, Middle East, etc.

**Production of Cotton Cloth**

1569. SHRI NARREDDY THULASI REDDY : Wffll the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that production of cotton doth has been decreasing year by year;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken to increase production of cottoni cloth;

(d) what was the. production of cotton cloth during the years 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92; and

(e) what is the target fixed for the year 1992-93?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) Production of cotton cloth has been increasing for the last several years. However, there was a slight decline in the year 1991-92.

(b) Does not arise-

(c) Textile Policy envisags maintenance of pre-eminent role of cotton as main raw material of Textile Industry. Government ils taking several measures like.

(i) Modernisation of ginning and processing units.

(ii) In the new Industrial Policy there is no restriction! on setting up of mill/ decentralised powerloom except locational restriction.

(Hi) Textile Machinry can be imported and duty on such machinery had already been reduced in present budget.

(iv) Textile Modernisation Fund was created in 1986 and upto the end of March, 92 sanctioned an amount of Rs. 1367 crores in respect of 357 cases out of which Rs. 836 crores have been disbursed in respect of 304 applications.

(d) Production of cotton cloth was 12738 million sq. mts., 13398 million sq. mtrs, and 13039 million sq. mts respectively for the year 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92.

(e) As per VOT. Plan projections production of cotton cloth is estimated to be 14735 million, sq. mtrs, for 1992-93.

**Export of Rajasthan Handlooms Garments**

1570. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether any proposal is under Government's consideration for export of Kachchi and Rajasthani manmade looms and ready made garments to various foreign countries to boost handicraft and self employment programme in this area;

(b) whether any ispecial training programme has been proposed to be undertaken for maintaining quality, new varieties, designs' and know-now about world's latest fashion;